

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 32 based on the specification, Example 1, page 15, lines 13-36, and page 16, lines 1-3. This claim has been amended to clarify the process steps for modifying the solid support to facilitate fixation of the polynucleotide sequence to the solid support. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced thereby.

Applicants have presented herewith new claims 33 and 34, which are based on the specification, Example 6, page 22, lines 34-37, and page 23, lines 1-10, as drawn to an effective technique, disclosed in the instant application, for treating the solid support with an epoxy resin to facilitate fixation of the polynucleotide sequence to the solid support. Applicants submit that no new matter has been presented by these claims.

Prompt and favorable action on claims 1-4, 7, 9, 11-19, 27-29 and 32-34 is courteously solicited.

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